

happy and decent life which was denied to Shlomo Argov.

I'm sure the sympathies of all of us who knew him go out to his family. I am inserting a copy of Mr. Argov's obituary that appeared in the Washington Post.

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ISRAELI DIPLOMAT SHLOMO ARGOV DIES

JERUSALEM.—Shlomo Argov, 73, the former Israeli ambassador to Britain who was paralyzed during an assassination attempt by Palestinian militants that triggered Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982, died Feb. 23.

He has been in Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital since the shooting. Hospital officials said he died from complication from wounds that left him completely paralyzed and on life-support machines.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced at the start of Sunday's weekly Cabinet meeting that "this morning, before dawn, Ambassador Shlomo Argov died."

Gunmen from the Abu Nidal guerrilla faction, which has ties to Libya, Syria and Iraq, shot Mr. Argov after a diplomatic meeting outside London's Dorchester Hotel. Three Abu Nidal members were convicted in the shooting.

The shooting was Israel's stated pretext for invading Lebanon four days later and laying siege to Beirut for three months until Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and his fighter were forced out of the country. The invasion also marked the start of an 18-year Israeli military presence in south Lebanon, which ended with Israel's withdrawal in May 2000.

Reuven Merhaz, a former colleague of Mr. Argov, said Sharon, who was defined minister at the time, had planned the Lebanon invasion, well before Argov was shot.

"The war plan was ready," Merhav told Israel Radio on Sunday. "He [Sharon] made no secret of it. He had presented the plan to the Americans some months earlier."

Mr. Argov, who was born in Jerusalem, studied in Washington and London and joined Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1959. He served as ambassador to Mexico and the Netherlands before assuming his position as ambassador to Britain in 1979.

The Jerusalem Post described Mr. Argov as "brilliant and suave" and ranked him with orator and historian Abba Eban, Israel's first ambassador to the United Nations, who died in November.

Victor Harel, a deputy director general at the Israeli Foreign Minister, said that at the time of the shooting, Mr. Argov was in his physical and intellectual prime, jogging every day and conversing in fluent English and Spanish in addition to his native Hebrew.

While he remained lucid after the shooting, he was emotionally devastated by the awareness of his disability, Harel told the radio.

"He was fully conscious for the first two or three years," he said "But he couldn't do anything on his own. The paralysis was total. He also got more and more medication, so visiting him became harder and harder."

Mr. Argov's survivors include three children.

RESOLUTION TO EXPAND ACCESS TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Resolution to Expand Access to

Community Health Centers. At a time when the number of uninsured Americans continues to increase and federal and state governments are facing budget shortfalls, community health centers continue to provide vital services at reasonable cost to millions of Americans. This bipartisan initiative calls for doubling the current level of funding for the consolidated health centers program by 2006. The additional funds would double access to comprehensive health care for the millions of Americans who currently are without health insurance.

Community health centers are local, non-profit, community-owned health care providers serving low-income and medically underserved urban and rural communities. Health centers have a proven 30-year track record of providing cost-effective, comprehensive, quality care. Past investment in community health centers has resulted in improved health and quality of life for many Americans, as well as a reduction in over all national health care spending.

Community health centers provide health care services to uninsured and low-income individuals in medically underserved areas. They are vital to the fabric of health care in our country. This year, more than 1,000 health centers will serve nearly 14 million children and adults in 3,400 communities across the country. Of these, 5 million are uninsured; 750,000 are homeless; 850,000 are migrant and seasonal farmworkers; 5.4 million are residents of rural areas; and nearly 9 million are people of color.

Community health centers are vital in my congressional district. Health Centers have significantly increased the use of preventive health services such as Pap smears, mammograms, and glaucoma screening services among the populations they serve. Health Centers have increased substantially the number and proportion of immunized children, and have made significant strides in preventing anemia and lead poisoning. Furthermore, Health Centers contribute to the health and well-being of their communities by reducing the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, keeping children healthy and in school, and helping adults remain productive and on the job.

Expanding community health centers is a proven, viable, and cost-effective way to bring health services to uninsured populations and underserved communities. The bipartisan REACH Resolution would enable health centers to serve 20 million Americans, including 9 million individuals without health insurance. As Cover the Uninsured Week comes to a close and with 41 million Americans living with no insurance we need to find ways to address this crisis. The REACH Resolution is a step in the right direction. The resolution would send a clear message that Congress supports efforts to provide critical health care to low- and moderate-income urban and rural communities. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY M. COHEN, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2003

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March. It is my great honor to recognize extraordinary women who are making a difference in my district.

I stand today, to pay special recognition to Ms. Dorothy Cohen, an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District. Over the years, Dorothy has been an outspoken advocate for the residents of the city of South Pasadena, California.

Ms. Cohen has been a member of the South Pasadena City Council since 1994, serving as Mayor for two terms. Some of her greatest accomplishments on the Council include the re-opening of City Hall five days a week, repainting the city's historic water tower, advocating for a quarterly city newsletter and serving as its editorial advisor for seven years, adoption of the tiger lily as the city flower, and her efforts to preserve the quality of life for the citizens of South Pasadena.

Dorothy is a fourth generation Californian and a forty-one year resident of South Pasadena. Prior to her marriage in 1950 to Jerry Cohen, a reporter and features writer for the Los Angeles Times, she was a reporter and television columnist for the San Diego Union Tribune. While raising her children, she worked part-time for fourteen years for the South Pasadena Unified School District. During that time, she actively participated in the South Pasadena Parent Teacher Association and the Girl Scouts of America.

A long-time supporter of public libraries, Ms. Cohen was a cofounder of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library Bookstore in 1984. She currently serves as the chair of its Steering Committee and volunteers weekly in the bookstore. She is past president of the Friends of the Library, Library Board of Trustees and the League of Women Voters.

Dorothy has participated in numerous city task forces over the years, such as the Downtown Revitalization Task Force, the General Plan Advisory Committee, and the Mission Street Specific Plan Committee. Most recently, she co-chaired the Gold Line Railway Station Art and Design Advisory Committee.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Dorothy M. Cohen. The entire community joins me in thanking Ms. Cohen for her continued efforts to make the 29th Congressional District an enhanced place in which to live.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE UNITY ACT OF 2003—H.R. 997

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced legislation to make English the official